

CHURCH EXTENSION.

A MEETING of the Incorporated Society for Promoting the Enlargement, Building, and Repairing of Churches and Chapels was held at their chambers in St. Martin's-place on Monday last, the Lord Bishop of London in the chair; there were also present, Sir R. H. Inglis, Bart. M.P.; the Venerable Archdeacon Lonsdale, the Rev. Dr. Shepherd, H. N. Norris, and B. Harrison; Messrs. W. Cotton, N. Connop, W. Davis, H. J. Barnard, B. Harrison, J. S. Salt, S. B. Brooke, A. Powell, J. Cooke, &c.

The secretary read the reports of the sub-committee, and the meeting having examined the cases referred to their consideration, voted grants of money towards building additional churches or chapels at Alltrey, in the parish of Lingerick, Glamorganshire; at Kensal-green, in the parish of Chelsea, Middlesex; at Wood-green, in the parish of Tottenham, Middlesex; at the district parish of St. George, Leeds; at Cowhill, in the parish of Oldham, Lancashire; at Plymouth; and at Trawden, in the parochial chapelry of Colne, Lancashire; also towards enlarging by rebuilding the church at Bovingdon, Hertfordshire; enlarging the church at Orston, Lincolnshire; re-seating or otherwise increasing the accommodation in the churches at Batcombe, Somerset; Burton, Westmoreland; Stoke Golding, Leicestershire; Tarnock, Devonshire; and Wimbrough, Wiltshire.

The population of these 15 parishes is 213,614 persons, and the accommodation provided for them in 37 churches and chapels is 23,411 seats, being less than one-seventh of the whole number: while the free sittings are only 9,672, or one free seat for 22 persons; to this insufficient provision of church room 5,753 seats will be added when the works above referred to (which include the erection of eight additional churches) have been completed, and 3,788 of those sittings will be free and unappropriated for ever. Among the parishes now assisted are:—One which contains 60,000 inhabitants, with church accommodation for less than one-tenth; another with upwards of 40,000, and church room for less than one-eleventh; another with 30,000, and church room for one-sixth; another with 23,000, and church room for less than one-fifth; another with 20,000, and accommodation for less than one-seventh; one with upwards of 12,000 inhabitants, and church room for less than one-eighth; one with 6,000, and accommodation for one-sixth; and in one parish, seven miles in length and six miles in breadth, with a population of 3,000 persons, and accommodation for rather more than one-tenth of that number; a church is about to be built in a district containing 1,500 inhabitants, five miles distant from the nearest place of worship belonging to the Establishment.

Certificates of the completion of the works in 10 parishes were examined and approved, and the board issued orders to the treasurer for the payment of the grant voted in each case; the population of these parishes is 36,127 persons; and to the former provision of church room, therein, viz. 3,909 sittings, including 1,507 free seats, 2,300 sittings are now added, 1,861 of which are free and unappropriated.

In addition to the cases which here now been assisted, the committee have received notices since their last meeting that applications are about to be made for aid towards building churches at the Swindon station of the Great Western Railway; at Norland, in the parish of Kensington; at Coventry; at St. Lawrence, near Ramsgate; at Thorne Acre, near Loughborough; at Seasalter, near Whitstable; at Lynn, Norfolk; and at Nenthead, in the parish of Alton, Cumberland; and also towards enlarging or otherwise increasing the accommodation in 14 existing churches.

MR. RICHARDSON, the sculptor who restored the monumental effigies at the Temple Church, has just completed the renovation of the beautiful screen of the south porch of Chichester Cathedral, and is now engaged on some of the monumental effigies in the nave. A further and more extensive reparation is contemplated.

On the laying the first stone of the church of St. Martin-in-the-fields, the king (George I.) gave one hundred guineas to be distributed among the workmen.

DESIGN FOR A SHOOTING AND FISHING LODGE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE BUILDER.

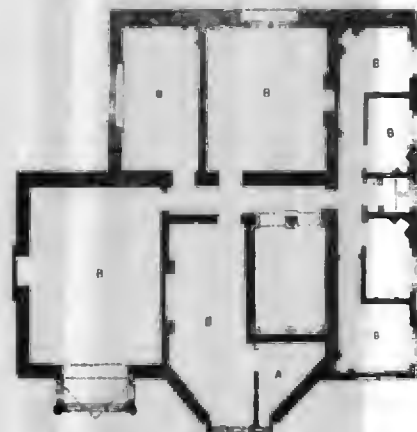
SIR,—I have taken the liberty of sending you a plan and elevation for a shooting and fishing lodge, the cost of which (where labour and materials bear an average price) will be under 3000, including fixtures. I have designed a long room which I have called a corridor. I have drawn it open in the plan, but I think it would be perhaps advisable to have it inclosed, leaving two spaces between the pillars for windows; this would make a very convenient depot for all the shooting and fishing apparatus. I intend the floor to be

made with asphalt. In the sporting season, bed rooms are in great request. I have made four small sleeping-rooms for single gentlemen, large enough for a French bed, table, and chair, with a fireplace in each room for the double purpose of warming and ventilating the apartments. The door-way leads to the wine and beer cellar, which are under the parlour floor. The roof is intended to be covered with tiles cast in a mould; this makes a very excellent covering, and has a very good effect. Bath.

C. E. D.



Elevation.



A. Closet. Chamber Plan. B. Bed-rooms.



Ground Plan.

A. Dining-room. B. Breakfast-room. C. Hall. D. Alcove.
E. Corridor. F. Kitchen. G. Store-rooms. H. Pantry.